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FOR CHARGE FROM RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS
SUBJ: LOS - INVITATION TO VISIT URUGUAY

REF: MONTEVIDEO 2378

1. I APPRECIATE LUPINACCI'S INVITATION TO VISIT URUGUAY DURING MY CURRENT TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA. IT WOULD INDEED BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE KINDS OF CONSULTATIONS HE SUGGESTED AND ALSO FOR THE REASONS YOU NOTED, BUT MY SCHEDULE IS VERY TIGHT AND I SEE NO POSSIBILITY THAT I COULD ADJUST IT TO STOP IN MONTEVIDEO WITHOUT CAUSING CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE IF NOT OFFENSE TO THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHOSE OFFICIALS I AM SCHEDULED TO MEET. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES I MUST DECLINE. WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO LUPINACCI, MAKING CLEAR ONLY PRESSURE OF TIME MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO INCLUDE MONTEVIDEO ON THIS TRIP.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

OUR CHARGE HAS PASSED ME YOUR VERY KIND INVITATION TO STOP OFF IN MONTEVIDEO DURING MY CURRENT TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA FOR CON-
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SULTATIONS WITH YOU AND OTHE OFFICIALS ON LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES.
LET ME SAY HOW DEEPLY I APPRECIATE THIS COURTEOUS GESTURE ON YOUR PART. AT THE SAME TIME I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

I REALLY WISH I COULD ADJUST MY PROGRAM TO ALLOW ME TO VISIT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES. UNFORTUNATELY, MY SCHEDULE IS, AS YOU

NOTED TO OUR CHARGE, VERY TIGHT, AND I AM AFRAID I COULD NOT AT THIS STAGE ADJUST IT WITHOUT CAUSING CONSIDRABLE INCONVENIENCE TO MY HOSTS AT OTHER STOPS ON MY ITINERARY. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR ME AND MRS. RICHARDSON TO VISIT URUGUAY ANOTHER TIME, FOR, IN ADDITION TO HAVING GOOD TALKS WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE YOUR LOVELY CITY OF MONTEVIDEO.

I HOPE YOU WILL ATTEND THE RESUMED SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK FOR WE SHOULD HAVE A GOOD TALK ABOUT MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST EARLY IN THE SESSION.

I WISH YOU THE GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. I AM SURE THAT UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP CONSTRUCTIVELY AND HARMONISOUSLY.

BELIEVE ME, I AM REALLY VERY SORRY I SHALL NOT BE ABLE AT THIS TIME TO SEE YOU, BUT AM VERY FLATTERED BY YOUR CONSIDERATE INVITATION.

WITH WARM REGARDS AND BEST WISHES.
SINCERELY,

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